

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

A "free press" is essential to a healthy democratic republic. The FCC is supposed to operate in the best interests of the citizenry, and not just a few influential "citizens". Sinclair Broadcasting is not operating in that spirit of democracy. Please act on our behalf and shut them down, if they break the rules. If Mr. Bush doesn't want to run the ads and pay for them out of his campaign funds why should the electorate which opposes Mr. Bush, have to pay to enhance his candidacy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's more important that we get more substantive news about issues that matter to the larger community, rather than the slanted pap we are given in this country by the media corporations, which has become just what they want us to know, instead of even, unbiased, un-watered down news. Sinclair news dishonors our Constitution. They are not patriots. Please show them America will not stand for this!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.